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SUBJECT: SENAT-GDR TALKS: GDR SHOWS SOME FLEXIBILITY ON

INTENDED PLANS TO RESTRICT VISITS JULY 28-AUGUST 5

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1. SUMMARY: SENAT REP PROTESTED TO GDR REP JULY 5
GDR PLANS TO LIMIT VISITS DURING WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL
(REFTEL). HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF GDR ISSUED APPEAL
TO BERLINERS TO REFRAIN FROM VISITS JULY 28-AUGUST 5,
SENAT WOULD NOT RAISE OBJECTIONS, PROVIDED GDR AGREED
TO ISSUE ENTRY PERMITS TO ALL APPLICANTS. GDR REP
ACQUIESCED BUT SENAT ANTICIPATES SOME FOOT-DRAGGING
IN PROCESSING VISIT APPLICATIONS, EVEN THOUGH NO TROUBLE
ENCOUNTERED TO DATE. END SUMMARY

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2. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNING MAYOR, SENAT

COMMISSIONER (KUNZE) PROTESTED PLANNED GDR RESTRICTIONS ON VISITS IN MEETING WITH GDR COMMISSIONER (MITDANK) JULY 5. KUNZE SAID GDR MEASURES WOULD VIOLATE SENAT-GDR ARRANGEMENT ON VISITS AS WELL AS QA. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SENAT, AS WELL AS FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, UNDERSTOOD DESIRE TO FORESTALL VIOLATIONS OF LAW WHEN EAST BERLIN CONFRONTED WITH FLOOD OF VISITORS.

3. MITDANK OBJECTED TO SENAT'S REASONING, IN PARTICULAR TO REFERENCE TO QA, ON GROUNDS ARRANGEMENT ON VISITS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN GDR AND SENAT AND WAS MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THEM ALONE. HE THEN READ PREPARED STATEMENT, WHICH INDICATED GDR WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF CONTINGENCY RESTRICTIONS ON VISITS AND GDR WOULD INFORM SENAT AND PUBLIC, IF SUCH CONTROL MEASURES WERE ADOPTED.

4. KUNZE IN RESPONSE READ PREPARED STATEMENT INDICATING SENAT WOULD NOT OBJECT IF GDR WERE TO ISSUE PUBLIC APPEAL TO WEST BERLINERS TO REFRAIN FROM TRAVELING TO EAST BERLIN DURING WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, JULY 28-AUGUST 5, PROVIDED GDR GUARANTEED APPROVAL OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR VISITS DURING THAT PERIOD. (HEAD SENAT CHANCELLERY INFORMED ALLIED POLADS JULY 9 THAT THUS FAR ALL APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED NORMALLY AT VISIT OFFICES.)

5. MITDANK REPLIED THAT GDR ITSELF WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE ON PROPRIETY OF EACH VISIT, AND WOULD NOT APPROVE ALL APPLICANTS. KUNZE INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT APPROVAL DURING THIS PERIOD OF APPLICANTS PREVIOUSLY REFUSED ENTRY.

6. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, AT MEETING JULY 4 BETWEEN GDR AND SENAT WATERWAY SPECIALIST, WHO HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR TWO YEARS ON ENLARGEMENT OF SPANDAU LOCKS, GDR REP NOTED AT CLOSE OF MEETING THAT GDR PLANNED TO INTERDICT ANY SHIPMENTS OF INFLAMMABLE OIL PRODUCTS ON BERLIN'S WATERWAYS DURING WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, AND SENAT WOULD BE OFFICIALLY INFORMED THROUGH CHANNEL NORMALLY USED UNDER TERMS OF FRG-GDR TRANSIT AGREEMENT (I.E. DIRECT GDR COMMUNICATION TO SENAT, ADDITIONAL TO GDR CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNICATION TO FRG).

7. COMMENT: SENAT OFFICIALS BELIEVE GDR HAS BACKED DOWN ON THREAT TO RESTRICT VISITS, AND THAT IT NOW HOPES TO REDUCE LEVEL OF VISITS BY PUBLIC APPEAL TO WEST BERLIN POPULACE. KUNZE SUSPECTS HOWEVER THAT GDR MIGHT STILL ADOPT DELAYING TACTICS, SUCH AS STRETCHING PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FROM CURRENT AVERAGE OF TWO DAYS TO SIX DAYS AS PERMITTED UNDER

ARRANGEMENT ON VISITS.BORG

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